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Mr. Sydney P. Nee, Sec.,  
American Numismatic Society,  
Broadway Bet. 155th & 156th Sts.,  
New York City.

My dear Mr. Nee:

Would you be interested in an exhibition of the British Official War Lithographs, showing Britain's efforts and ideals in the great war and sent to this country by the foreign office for war propaganda during the year of 1918?

As Assistant to the Chief of the Department of Exhibition, of the British Bureau of Information, I had charge of this collection and sent it to various museums and libraries throughout the United States. After the closing of the Bureau the work was turned over to me. This collection now belongs to the Imperial War Museum of London, and I am acting as their agent granting further exhibitions in this country and liquidating the sales of the few remaining duplicate prints.

These are signed artists proofs in editions of 110 each. The complete set is sixty-six numbers by such men as Eric Kennington, Frank Brangwyn, George Clausen, Muirhead Bone, C. R. W. Nevinson, Charles Pears, A. S. Bartrick, William Rothenstein, Claude Shepperson, Ernest Jackson, Charles Ricketts, William Nicholson, Maurice Grieffenhagen, Edmund Dulac, G. Moira, Augustus John, Edmund J. Sullivan and Charles Shannon.

The only charge for the exhibition is packing, shipping and transportation. The prints are mounted and matted and numbered to correspond with the catalog. They pack in a wooden case and altogether weigh about 100 pounds. They have been on exhibition at the Congressional Library, Washington, Detroit Museum, Cincinnati Museum, Toronto Museum, Boston, Bar Harbor, Stockbridge, Fort Worth and various other points.

As I am no longer on salary, nor is there any appropriation for carrying on these exhibitions, I can only send them out with no cost to myself.

I shall be glad to send you the official catalog on receipt of fifty cents in stamps.

Yours very truly,

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(MHS) Mollie Higgins Smith  
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Nov. 26, 1919.

Mrs. Mollie Higgins Smith,  
104 East 64th St., New York.

Dear Madam:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 25th. The collection you describe must certainly be a very interesting one. It is, however, a little apart from our field, which is confined to coins, medals and decorations exclusively. Our space is very much limited, and I regret that I must reply that we cannot avail ourselves of the offer which you have so courteously placed before us. Thanking you for having brought it to my attention, I am,

Yours very truly

Secretary.